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### Purpose:

This issuance establishes the policy and procedures to better align the experience of youth in out of home placement with their peers.

### Policy:

#### A) Commitment to Normalcy

CP&P is committed to ensuring that youth in out of home placement are allowed, to the greatest extent possible, to enjoy the experiences, milestones and lifestyle typical of other youth in their peer group.

#### B) Efforts to Permit Participation

CP&P Workers, resource parents and other caretakers shall respect the significance of social, cultural and developmental activities—including but not limited to birthday and holiday celebrations, athletic competitions, proms and dances, and learning to drive—that are identified as important by youth in out of home placement, and take steps, including the prioritization of available LOBA funds pursuant to CP&P-X-A-1-100, to facilitate the youths participation.

#### C) Efforts to Minimize Disruption

CP&P shall, to the greatest extent possible, take steps to minimize the disruptive impact of CP&P involvement on the activities and routines of youth in out of home placement. Such steps may include but are not limited to scheduling of visits and meetings at times which do not conflict with prescheduled activities and events, allowing regular communication with friends and classmates, and ensuring that placement decisions account for participation in ongoing activities.